

recommitted to the committee that reported it; and on motion by Mr. Gantt, the said committee was enlarged to five by the addition of Messrs. Banning and Norris.

The house proceeded to consider the bill received from the senate, entitled, An act to establish the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and constables residing in the city of Annapolis, and justices of the peace and constables of Anne-Arundel county, in certain cases therein mentioned; and the same having been read the third time, and debated, the question was propounded, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and so the bill was passed and returned to the senate.

The bill reported by Mr. Montgomery, entitled, An act authorising the register of wills of Anne-Arundel county, to perfect the record of Joseph Chew's will, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill reported by Mr. Ridgely, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to appropriate certain lands to the use of the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands, passed at November session 1781, being one of the orders of the day, was taken up, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill reported by Mr. Speed, entitled, An act making appropriations for the benefit of the American Colonization Society, being also one of the orders of the day, was taken up for consideration. And in the progress of the second reading thereof, the second section was, on the motion of Mr. Speed, amended by the insertion, after the words, "of the preceding year," the following, "or such parts thereof as may have been expended."

The bill was then placed in the hands of the speaker, when Mr. Banning moved that the said bill be referred to the first day of June next? And the question was accordingly about to be taken, when Mr. Banning, having waved his motion for a reference, on motion by Mr. Richard Thomas, the bill was withdrawn from the chair for the purpose of amendment.

Mr. Richard Thomas then offered the following as an amendment, and to be added at the end of the bill, viz.

And provided further, that the said appropriations shall be distributed among the applicants for Colonization from the several counties of this state, and cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, in the ratio of applications.

Mr. Stevens moved that the following words be received as a substitute for the amendment proposed, viz. "two thirds of which shall be from the western shore and one third from the eastern shore."

Mr. Peach moved, that the bill, together with the amendment and substitute offered, be referred to the first day of June next?

Mr. Peach having withdrawn his motion of reference,

On motion by Mr. Done, the question was taken, That the said bill, with the amendment and substitute proposed, be laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Friday the second day of February next? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.